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Religious Endowments

Opinions of the District Judges and the District Magistrates on the Tirumalai–Tirupati Devasthanams Bill.

* 543 *Q.*—Mr. M. A. Muthiah Chettiyar: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have called for opinions from any District Judges, District Magistrates, and other officers of Government, regarding the Tirumalai–Tirupati Devasthanams Bill; and

(*b*) if so, whether the Government will be pleased to place them on the table of the House?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The matter will be considered.

Mr. Yakub Hasan:—"May I know whether these papers will be placed before the Select Committee?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. Muniswami Nayudu:—"The suggestion will be considered."

Irrigation

Agreement, dated the 18th February 1924, between the Government of Madras and the Mysore State.

* 544 *Q.*—Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether copy of the agreement between the Madras Government and the Mysore State, dated 18th February 1924, referred to in the agreement published on page 1424 of Part I of the *Fort St. George Gazette,* dated 23rd September 1930, is available with the Government; and

(*b*) whether a copy of the said agreement will be placed on the table for reference?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The agreement was published on pages 776—788 of the *Fort St. George Gazette,* dated 8th July 1924. Copies of G.O. No. 228 I., dated 3rd July 1924, containing the agreement are available in the Council Library.

The Toludur Project.

* 545 *Q.*—Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the Toludur Project was completed and what the area cultivated by the said project is;

(*b*) what the cost of the Toludur project and Pelandorai anicut was and what the percentage of return from both these projects is; and

(*c*) whether copies of the Government Order relating to the Toludur project and Pelandorai anicut will be placed on the Table of the House?

A.—(a) The project was completed in 1923. The area irrigated in 1929–30 was 16,043 acres first crop and 2,987 acres second crop.

(b) The cost of the Toludur project was Rs. 25·86 lakhs and of the Pelandorai anicut project Rs. 6·92 lakhs. The return from the Toludur project was 2·43 per cent on the sum at charge in 1929–30. The Pelandorai anicut system yielded a return of 2·52 per cent on the sum at charge in 1929–30.

(c) It is not clear to what orders the hon. Member refers. If he will specify the information he requires, it will be supplied to him, if possible.

Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed:—"May I know from the hon. Member what portion of the area irrigated under the Toludur Project lies in the district of South Arcot?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell:—"I must ask for notice of the question."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. Arogyaswami Mudaliyar:—"May I ask whether the anticipated ayacut under the project has been brought fully under cultivation?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell:—"I must ask for notice of the question."

Action taken on the report of the Palar Irrigation Committee.

* 546 Q.—Mr. M. A. Manikkavelu Nayakar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) what steps have been taken on the report of the Palar Irrigation Committee appointed by Government;

(b) whether further information was called for from the Mysore Government as suggested by the report of the Palar Irrigation Committee; and

(c) if so, whether the Government will be pleased to lay it on the table with other connected correspondence?

A.—(a) The Government have prohibited all extensions of irrigation in the Palar basin and the granting of loans for sinking new wells or installing pumps in the area.

(b) Yes.

(c) The Government will consider the publication of the results of the correspondence in due course.

Mr. M. A. Manikkavelu Nayakar:—"May I know whether any steps are being taken to increase the flow of water in the river?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell:—"I am afraid it is not possible for us to do that."

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—"May I ask whether the unanimous recommendation of the Committee was acted upon, or the official recommendation?"